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Date: June 23, 2003

To: Western Intergovernmental Audit Forum
Members, Associates, and Participants

From: Executive Director – Brian Estes

Subject: Honolulu Hawaii Conference – August 24-26, 2003

The Western Intergovernmental Audit Forum's (WIAF) next conference will be held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, located at 2255 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815, (808) 922-4422. Conference sessions will include an address by Hawaii State Auditor Marion Higa, EPA Inspector General Nikki Tinsley, GAO's Chief Accountant Phil Calder, as well as presentations on professional development, IT issues, and other topics. The conference **registration fee is \$140** and includes 2 breakfasts, a luncheon, an evening reception overlooking Diamond Head, and **12 continuing professional education (CPE) credits**.

A preliminary agenda and registration material for the meeting are enclosed—please note that the preferred method for conference registration is on-line at www.auditforum.org; see Conference Registration. We encourage you to share the information with colleagues who may be interested in attending. The attire for this meeting will be **business casual**.

You may also wish to attend the 12th biennial Pacific Emerging Issues Conference (PEIC) from August 27 to 29 at the same hotel. This event is co-sponsored by the Hawaii Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC), and the WIAF. Many top national speakers have agreed to speak at the conference including the chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, inspectors general, auditors general and chief financial officers of federal agencies, and prominent partners of national CPA firms. The PEIC will offer up to 24 continuing professional education (CPE) credits. For registration information, please contact Gerry Reese of the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board (www.honolulu-pacific.feb.gov) at 808-541-2637, fax 808-541-3429 or email: gareese@hpfeb.org.

The Sheraton Waikiki is holding a block of rooms for us through July 23, 2003, so please make your room reservations early by calling the hotel's group reservations directly at (808) 921-4611. Rooms are being held under the room block code: Pacific Emerging Issues. A limited number of rooms (parking lot view) are available in the hotel annex for \$85 plus tax and in the main hotel (city or mountain view) for \$112 plus tax (federal ID required). See <http://www.sheraton-waikiki.com> for additional hotel information.

I look forward to seeing you in Honolulu. If you have any questions about the meeting or hotel accommodations, please contact me at (206) 287-4799 or estesb@gao.gov or Jenny Hicks at (206) 287-4788 or hicksj@gao.gov.

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REGISTRATION FORM
Western Intergovernmental Audit Forum
August 24-26, 2003
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel – Honolulu, Hawaii

Name _____ Title _____

Representing _____
(Please share copies of this form with colleagues who may be interested in attending.)

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Please check each of the following events you will be attending:

☐ Sunday August 24th Chair's reception

☐ Monday August 25th luncheon

Registration fee: \$140.00. Please reference invoice number on all forms of payment. WIAF tax ID # is 52-1263609. **Registration deadline is August 18, 2003.** Payment prior to the conference is required.

Credit cards are the preferred method of payment--Visa and MasterCard only. You may mail or fax your credit card information (card number, expiration date, street address and zip code of the credit card billing address) to Jenny Hicks at the address or fax number shown below.

On-line registration is available at www.auditforum.org; see Conference Registration.) You may also mail the registration fee and registration form to: *Western Intergovernmental Audit Forum, Attn: Brian Estes, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2700, Seattle, WA 98104.* You may fax registration forms or credit card information to Brian Estes or Jenny Hicks at (206) 287-4872. If you have questions about the conference, please contact Brian Estes at (206) 287-4799 or Jenny Hicks at (206) 287-4788.

Cancellation Policy. We will refund fees paid in advance **if cancellation is faxed or e-mailed by August 18, 2003** to Brian Estes, 206-287-4872, or estesb@gao.gov. **No exceptions.** However, someone else may take your place at the conference.

Suggestions for issues or questions to be discussed at the Financial/Compliance/IT Audit and the Performance Audit Roundtables

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Conference Agenda

Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
Summer 2003 – Honolulu, Hawaii

Sunday • August 24 • 2003

3:00 – 5:00 **Conference Registration** Waialua Room

6:00 - 7:30 **Chairman's Reception** Room: TBA

Monday • August 25 • 2003

7:15 – 8:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast** Waialua Room

8:00 – 8:10 **Welcome and Announcements** Waialua Room
Benny Lee – Chair WIAF
Regional Inspector General for Audit
U.S. Department of Treasury
San Francisco, California

8:10 – 9:00 **Current Audit and Accountability** Waialua Room
Issues in Hawaii
Marion Higa
Hawaii State Auditor

9:00 – 10:00 **Key Natural Resources/Public Lands Audit** Waialua Room
Issues
Earl Devaney (invited)
Inspector General, U.S. Department
of the Interior

10:00–10:30 **Networking Break** Waialua Room

10:30 –11:45 **Professional Development: Its Role In** Waialua Room
Transforming Government
Margaret Wrightson, Regional Director, Western Region,
U.S. General Accounting Office, San Francisco, California

11:45 – 1:00 **Lunch** Oahu Room

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1:00 – 2:00	How The Intergovernmental Nature Of EPA's Programs Affect The Audit Environment <i>Nikki Tinsley, Inspector General Environmental Protection Agency</i>	Waialua Room
2:00 – 3:00	Auditing Wireless Technology: Ensuring Data Security and Other IT Issues <i>Steve Mullins, Director, Systems Security, Inspector General for Tax Administration, U. S. Treasury Walnut Creek, California</i>	Waialua Room
3:00 – 3:30	Networking Break	Waialua Room
3:30 – 5:00	Roundtables:	
	Performance Audits Roundtable	Honolulu Room
	Financial, Compliance, & IT Audits Roundtable	Kahuku Room

Tuesday • August 26 • 2003

7:15 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast	Waialua Room
8:00 – 9:15	Current and Emerging Issues in Government Financial Management <i>Philip Calder Chief Accountant, U.S. General Accounting Office</i>	Waialua Room
9:15 – 9:30	Networking Break	Waialua Room
9:30 – 10:45	General Strategies for Mitigating IT System Integration Failures <i>David Sundstrom, Auditor-Controller Orange County, California</i>	Waialua Room
10:45 – 11:00	Networking Break	Waialua Room
11:00 – 11:45	Securing Laptops and Weapons: An Audit of the FBI's Inventory Control System <i>Tom Clark, Regional Inspector General U.S. Department of Justice San Bruno, California</i>	Waialua Room
11:45 – 12:00	Closing Remarks/Adjournment	Waialua Room